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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: SUBMITTING TRAVEL NOTES IN KIEV AND NEW YORK

1. DURING MEETING WITH SOVEMBASSY COUNSELOR AFFAIRS
KAVALEROV JAN 7, DEPT OFFICER SAID THAT AFTER FOUR MONTHS
KIEV ADVANCE PARTY IS STILL UNABLE TO SUBMIT TRAVEL NOTES
TO UKRAINIAN MFA AS ALREADY ESTABLISHED CONSULATES IN THE
CITY DO. DEPT OFF SAID DEPARTMENT COULD NOT UNDERSTAND
REASONS FOR NOT FULFILLING THIS VERY SIMPLE REQUEST AND
POINTED OUT THAT PRESENT PRACTICE OF SUBMITTING TRAVEL NOTES
FOR KAP IN MOSCOW IS REAL HARDSHIP AND INCONVENIENCE, PAR-
TICULARLY BECAUSE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN KIEV AND MOSCOW
ARE NOT IDEAL. DEPTOFF ALSO NOTED THAT PROBLEM WAS COM-
POUNDED BY FACT THAT TELEX FACILITIES WE HAD REQUESTED IN
KIEV HAD STILL NOT BEEN ARRANGED. KAVALEROV WAS INFORMED
THAT IF TRAVEL NOTE QUESTION WAS NOT RESOLVED BY JAN 14,
DEPARTMENT WOULD RETALIATE BY INCONVENIENCING SOVIET AD-
VANCE PARTY IN NEW YORK IN TRAVEL MATTERS. KAVALEROV SAID
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HE DID NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR THE DELAY ON THIS QUESTION
IN KIEV, AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS TO AMBASSADOR DOBRY-
NIN.

2. FYI: WE WOULD NOT PLAN TO HAVE SOVIET ADVANCE PARTY
IN NEW YORK SUBMIT TRAVEL NOTES THROUGH SOVEMBASSY WASHING-
TON, SINCE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD PRE-

FER THAT PROCEDURE. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONSIDERING SYSTEM WHEREBY NOTES CONTINUE TO BE SUBMITTED BY SOVIET ADVANCE PARTY TO USUN BUT ARE THEN SENT BY USUN FOR APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT BEFORE TRAVEL PERMISSION CAN BE GRANTED. THIS WOULD CAUSE DELAY IN AUTHORIZING SOVIET ADVANCE PARTY TRAVEL.

3. FOR USUN: IF WE PUT THIS SYSTEM INTO EFFECT, WE WOULD ASK THAT UPON RECEIPT OF TRAVEL NOTES FROM SOVIET ADVANCE PARTY, YOU SEND THEM TO DEPARTMENT, EUR/SOV. WE WOULD THEN INFORM YOU BY TELEPHONE OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL, AND YOU COULD IN TURN INFORM SOVIET ADVANCE PARTY. REALIZE THIS COULD CAUSE US SOME INCONVENIENCE, BUT IT SEEMS TO US TO BE ONLY WAY WE CAN GAIN SUFFICIENT LEVERAGE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OUR PEOPLE IN KIEV ARE HAVING.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS WITH MFA EARLY NEXT WEEK AND KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF STATUS.
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